

## SENATOR WILLIAMS' SPEECH

Illiterate and Ignorant Immigration  
Simply Displaces Intelligent  
American Workingmen.

A Washington special says that Senator John Sharp Williams thinks there is enough ignorance in the United States without importing more as would result from the repeal of the literacy test provided for in the Burnett immigration bill now before the Senate.

Those who heard him are agreed that Senator Williams' defense of the literacy test in the immigration bill was the ablest utterance yet delivered in the Senate since discussion of that important measure began. The senior senator from Mississippi is standing loyally by the House bill against which a terrific assault is being made in the Senate to make a gap in its most vital part by removing the literacy test which he regards as a very proper, wise and statesmanlike precaution.

Drawn into the debate by attacks made on the literacy test provision by Senator Stone of Missouri and Senator Martine of New Jersey, Senator Williams said in part:

"In spite of the sentimentality of the senator from New Jersey and in spite of the plausibility of the senator from Missouri, ignorance is neither a great, nor a grand, nor a glorious, nor a lovable nor an advantageous thing. In a self-governing country where all the people have a hand in ruling it is the chief danger and chief menace to free institutions."

"The long speech of the senator from Missouri might be answered in one sentence, if it were though advisable to answer it in one sentence, and that would be this: The American people are now expending something like a billion dollars a year to eradicate ignorance; and yet men, so-called statesmen, come here misled by prejudice in favor of some race or misled by political interest appealing and pleading to the House of Representatives and the Senate of the United States to import more ignorance?"

"What use have you for it after it gets here? You say it goes into the mines and goes upon the farms, and goes somewhere else. Maybe so, what does it do when it goes there—if it does—and it generally does not? The illiterate and ignorant immigrants generally hang around Chicago, New York and Boston; but if it goes to these other places, what does it do? It simply displaces intelligent American working men. American working men are not out of work because they are so highly educated as to be above work. It is because men with lower standards crowd them out. The men who are chiefly interested in importing ignorance into this country are the great tariff barons of this country and great mine barons of this country who want cheap labor, and know that they cannot get cheap labor unless they get ignorant labor, because ignorant labor is the only sort of labor that cannot take care of itself, that cannot organize, cannot combine, and cannot defend itself."

**No Excuse for Ignorance.**

"I am tired of hearing tributes to ignorance and demagogic appeals against intelligence. There is no reasonable excuse in the world today for any Norwegian or Swede or Dane or German or Hollander or North Italian, any Scotchman or Irishman or Englishman, or any Swiss, or any Belgian reaching the age of maturity without being able to read and write."

"When you bar men because of illiteracy you do not bar them because they are themselves, you bar ignorance; and you bar ignorance because ignorance is dangerous to free institutions in a self-governing country. Ignorance is not dangerous in a despotism. Ignorance is not dangerous in Russia. On the contrary, it may be to the interest of Russia or Turkey to keep people in ignorance; but ignorance is dangerous in a country where five years' residence makes a citizen of a man. If every state in the union did as Mississippi and Massachusetts have done, and debarred from the franchise their ignorant, it might be different, but they do not do it."

"It might be safe enough to have them if they had nothing to say about the government, but when you go into—I will not particularize, either, because that would be, I think, in bad taste. I started to mention a special part of the country—but when you go into a great important settlement of

people, whether they be native or foreign, it does not make any difference which, when you go there to plead for certain political measures or against certain political measures, what hope have you, in God's name? If people like that are to control a government or constitute the balance wheel, even in certain great centers, as they do, what hope have you for an intelligent solution of any great public problem?"

**Fit and Willing.**

"When this question presents itself to any mind it does not present itself to my mind as a question for the benefit of Asiatic or European or Africans. It presents itself to my mind as a question of benefit and self-preservation to the American republic and to American free institutions. When a foreigner comes to these shores I want two things of him, if I can get them. One is to know that he is fit to become an American, the other to know that he is willing to become an American; that when he takes the oath of naturalization he takes it without mental reservation; that down in the bottom of his heart he reserves no allegiance to prince, pope, power or potentate, to kaiser, czar or king, and that his action as an American citizen shall not be controlled or modified by the interests of the place of his derivation. I ask these two things, that he shall be fit and that he shall be willing."

Are you going to bring in the unfit, the unprepared, the untrained, the untaught, put them upon grounds of absolute equality and make them co-heirs with the children of your own loins, and to drag them down intellectually and politically? That you shall bring them in and make them co-heirs with the children of your loins is all right, provided that they are fit, provided they are really equal when so acknowledged, provided they are competent to help carry out this great American, republican-democratic world mission, a mission of holding up a light to the whole world, the light of liberty and fraternity and equality, 'founded upon intelligence,' as the father of Democracy said, because it is 'the only safe foundation upon which free institutions can rest.' I do not care how perfect the moral character of a man may be, if he is absolutely untaught, uneducated and untrained intellectually he cannot be thoroughly and intelligently sympathetic with free institutions; neither can he be thoroughly competent to constitute a part of the governing power amidst free institutions."

## The War Tax on Freight.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has granted the plea of the railroads, to impose a war tax approximating \$50,000,000 on the commerce of the United States.

This is what the "five per cent increase" on rates in various territories, on various classifications, is estimated to yield in one year.

The item believes that the dollars invested in railroads are entitled to a fair return. The railroads are public utilities, subject to public regulation, serving the whole people, under watch to prevent undue profits in expansion times—all in theory. Possibly it is just that all the rest of us put up our little mites to keep railroad stock dividends up and railroad bond interest coming in, despite the war.

There are 450,000 holders of railroad stocks in the United States. Doubtless they are worthy people, good citizens, and deserve to have their securities maintained as good collaterals and sound investments; to have the burdens of the war shifted from their shoulders to those of the REST OF US who own no railroad stock but are doing the OTHER WORK of the nation.

We wonder, nevertheless, why the Federal government could take no decisive action to uphold the value of FIFTY MILLION ACRES of cotton land, and the "collateral and investment value" of sixteen million bales of cotton, and the welfare of twenty million people living in the "cotton belt"—all hard struck, as were the railroads and the railroad stockholders, by the exigencies of war.

Others also will wonder how the cause of PROSPERITY is going to be furthered, as railroad spokesmen allege, by taxing business and commerce FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS for the SPECIAL benefit of HALF A MILLION STOCKHOLDERS.—New Orleans Item.

## L. Linde.

Mr. Linde realizes the scarcity of money, so he is offering to his customers all his men's and boys' clothing and his large and stylish stock of goods at the very lowest price possible. Be sure when in the city to do your Christmas shopping with him and you will have a happy Christmas, for his goods are marked down so that your money will be around. Call and let him show you and be convinced.

## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Benton, Miss., Dec. 14, 1914.—Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 6 years old. I try to be a good little girl, and go to school every day and to Sunday school on Sunday.

I want you to come to see me and bring me a large sleepy doll and a tricycle and fruits of all kinds.

Brother says he wants some fire works and some fruit of all kinds. Be sure to come for I am going to look for you to be here. That is all I can think of, as I want other little boys and girls to have a nice Christmas, too.

Your little girl,

GERTRUDE HOOD.

Benton, Miss., Dec. 14, 1914.—Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy five years old and go to school and try to be a good boy, and I want you to come to see me and bring me a knife and chain and fruit of all kinds, a wagon, auto and plenty of steam to run it with and fill it with candy; a pair of billy goats. Be sure to come, for I will be looking for you.

Your little boy,

RICHARD HOOD.

Eden, Miss., Dec. 21, 1914.—Dear Friend: I thought I would write you, as I have never written before. I am a little girl 15 years old and my mother has been dead three years. I have two brothers and one sister. I care for the baby sister. I have no father, either, as he died long years ago. A LONESOME MOTHERLESS AND FATHERLESS ORPHAN.

May this touching little letter touch some heart that will bring a little of the Christmas spirit to this one of God's little ones.

Dear Santa Claus: I love you much and write to let you know I think of you, both day and night and guess you're glad 'tis so. I don't know what we kids would do if you should never come to bring us things to make us glad, for sad would we become. Now, this year I want twice as much as you sent a year ago, for now I'm big and can use more as year by year I grow. Now, first of all, I want a check as big as you can write. A book, a coat, a goat, a sleigh, and one that's fine and light. Then I do want a knife, a sword, a flag, a suit, and drum, and then I want a soldier cap and bright and shining gun. Then I do want a nice boy's fiddle, harp, and ball, and now I dare not ask for more, but guess I've mentioned all. In case you have not quite enough to spare me all I need, just take some off my leg and give next door to Willie Reed, for he and I are best of chums and use each other's toys, for I love him and he loves me and love makes best of boys. St. Louis, Mo. ALBERT E. VASSAR

P. S.—Excuse my many needs.

Get your Christmas Presents at the Great Bankrupt Sale now going on at the Wilson-Neely stock. Clothing and Furnishings for Men and Boys at less than cost.

## Yazoo County Going Some.

Mr. G. B. Bolen, of Omaha, Nebraska, has leased Plainfield plantation, near Bentonla, and will soon have a well-stocked sheep farm. He expects to have a pasture on part of the place and on the other will raise grain and other feed.

This is certainly a good thing for the county and it will be a big stimulus to other farmers to embark in this line of live stock. Mr. Bolen has had experience in sheep raising, so this enterprise will not be merely a venture. Mr. and Mrs. Bolen have been in the county since the early fall and have made many friends who will be deeply interested in his work and assist him in any way possible. Mr. Bolen has several blooded horses and also has several fine shepherd dogs which are trained and will assist in keeping off any stray dogs that should want to prey on his flock.

## Monday Night at the Opera House.

Mr. George C. Cacum, with his usual generosity, divided profits with the boys and one of the nicest and most pleasant evenings was spent by all who were present Monday night.

Messrs. Waterer, Hinman, Hinman, Pinkerton and McIntyre took part in the vaudeville and each one deserves special mention for the splendid way they rendered their parts.

A good-natured crowd filled the house to greet the boys and they showed their appreciation of the artistic impersonation which the boys pulled off, enjoying each and every number.

The pictures were fine on that occasion as well as at all times at the opera house. Mr. Cacum has changed the films, now using the films from the Universal Film Co., which are all high-class picturing scenes which are all beautiful, delighting the eye and stirring the best emotions in one.

## WHAT MR. RITCH IS DOING.

Our County Farm Demonstrator. Is Actively at Work.

Mr. W. R. Ritch, assisted by Prof. White, of the Agricultural High School returned Monday from Mr. J. A. Ewing's, of Vaughans, where they traced some land for Mr. Ewing.

Mr. Ewing is another one of the progressive farmers of Yazoo County who have progressed past the one crop idea and is turning his attention to live stock. He has some fine two-year-old mule colts and a nice herd of Hereford cattle, which are all in fine condition. Mr. Ewing has one of the finest places for stock raising in the county for the lespedeza grows wild there and could easily be harvested at the rate of two tons per acre. The soil is specially adapted to the raising of all kinds of farm produce.

Mr. Ewing planted one-sixth of an acre of cane, did not use one ounce of fertilizer and from this piece of land he cut enough cane to make one hundred and thirteen gallons of the finest molasses that was ever put on the table.

Mr. Ewing has a bright little son of twelve years and in order that his boy shall become interested in the farm work, Mr. Ewing turned over to him and Mr. Ritch a plot of land to be worked by the boy under the direction of Mr. Ritch and he will work his crop also by Mr. Ritch's methods and when the year closes they will compare the general average and see which one has produced the most per acre.

Mr. Ritch was delighted with his visit to Mr. and Mrs. Ewing, and the cordial welcome he received, but what got closer to his heart than anything was the hearty co-operation which was given the work which he is endeavoring to accomplish in the county.

On his return to the city Mr. Ritch spent the night at the Benton Agricultural High School with Profs. White and Drake and took occasion of looking over the work which these two men are doing for the children of the county.

Prof. White is the agricultural man and he took great pride in showing Mr. Ritch the work in which he was specially engaged this fall, that of teaching the children and the surrounding farmers how to reclaim the old hill land. There are twenty acres attached to the school and he has every acre sown in the cover crops of burr and crimson clover, alfalfa, oats and rye. This will provide winter grazing for the stock owned by the school and will build up the land so that in the spring the crops which will be planted will be as good as could be produced from any land which is much more fertile.

Mr. Ritch is quite delighted with the work and thinks that in another year that this Benton Agricultural High School will be the demonstration center for the county and that many acres of land which have been considered hardly worth the taxes will be in cultivation yielding abundant crops each year.

Mr. Ritch and Prof. White expected to go to Phoenix this week, but owing to the rain which made it impossible to plow they had to postpone their visit. But he will not be idle, for he went up Tuesday morning to spend several days with Mr. W. P. Sharbrough, at Holly Bluff, and will also visit Mr. J. A. Caldwell, Mr. R. W. Lumbley, and the Misses Doherty's places before he returns.

## Mrs. Margaret Kinkead Thompson.

The Commercial-Appeal of last Sunday had a photo of Mrs. Thompson, one of the most talented ladies of our county. We would suggest, however, that Mrs. Thompson had good cause for a damage suit against the Commercial-Appeal, as the picture did not begin to do justice to her charming personality. But it makes up somewhat for that deficiency in the following complimentary notice:

For popularizing cotton in the most original fashion, perhaps, Mrs. Margaret Kinkead Thompson, of Yazoo City, Miss., candidate for state librarian, deserves first mention, she having originated in Mississippi the idea on the cotton hat, made entirely of the raw material. Especially in this day of staggering millinery bills and the desire to consume all the cotton possible is the cotton hat looked upon with favor.

Mrs. Thompson made her first appearance with her cotton hat in the great cotton pageant at the opening of the Mississippi State Fair. From the sole of her canvas slippers to the crown of her well poised head she was stylishly and becomingly attired in cotton, and the hat, nifty and nobby it is novel, and very becoming to the wearer, whose auburn hair waved around the soft rolling brim, attracted much attention and general admiration.

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## The Marriage of Two Popular Young People.

For the second time within the year 1914 the little god, "Cupid" has entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sharbrough, of Holly Bluff, capturing and carrying off two lovely daughters. On this occasion Miss Ruth Lillian Sharbrough became the bride of Mr. L. Rufus Nabers.

The wedding took place in the pretty little Methodist church in that city. The church had been transformed into a real bower of Eden by the deft and artistic hands of loving friends of both parties.

While the ushers were seating the large and interested audience, Mrs. W. T. Hegman, Jr., of Yazoo City, and cousin of the bride, sang "O Perfect Day," accompanied by Miss Lizzie Hoover, of Yazoo City, after which the organ struck the chords of the ever beautiful though solemn Lohengrin wedding march as a processional and during the ceremony the beautiful "Ave Marie" was softly rendered under the skilled touch of Miss Hoover.

Rev. Witt, of Silver City, said the words which joined the lives and destinies of two of Yazoo county's most loved and esteemed young people.

The bride was beautifully and becomingly attired in a blue travelling suit with all accessories in harmony which brought out her radiant beauty making her a very picture of beauty and innocence. She was attended by her friend, Miss Mattie Strong as maid of honor. The gallant groom had for his best man Mr. Tom Underfield. Miss Sharbrough is a most charming young woman and is a general favorite in her home, possessing many traits that go with the making of a noble well rounded character.

The groom is known as one in whom you could trust and will tenderly shield and protect the precious gift so trustingly and lovingly given into his keeping on this day till death do them part.

Many handsome and elegant presents were showered upon this most fortunate couple in token of the love and affection in which they are held by their many friends.

The happy couple left immediately after the ceremony for a short bridal tour to Memphis, Tenn., and Dallas, Texas, after blessing and congratulations coming from hearts that loved them poured upon their worthy heads.

Many out-of-town guests were present, among them being Mrs. W. A. Fritz, of Lexington, Messrs. Albert Davidson and Tom Underhill, of Blanton, Miss.; Mrs. A. W. Eaton, of Vicksburg; Mrs. T. T. Bailey, of Port Gibson, Miss.; Mrs. W. T. Hegman, Jr., and Miss Lizzie Hoover, of Yazoo City.

That the richest blessings may attend them through life's journey is the prayer of the Herald.

## Haneline-Coleman

In the pretty little village of Carter there was much interest manifested in the marriage of Miss Lillian Coleman to Mr. H. R. Haneline, of Columbia, Tenn. The marriage took place in the Methodist Church of that city and was witnessed by a large congregation of interested friends and relatives who had seen the lovely bride grow from childhood to one of the most attractive young women of our county. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coleman and has a legion of friends whose good wishes will follow her into her new home.

Mr. Haneline is a prominent young business man of Columbia, Tenn., and that he could come to Yazoo and capture one of our fairest flowers is sufficient proof of his good taste and judgement.

After the marriage the invited guests repaired to the Coleman home where there was a feast of good things prepared which was partaken of with a hearty good will.

In the midst of pleasure the parting time came and with good wishes and congratulations the happy couple left on the evening train for their future home, Columbia, Tenn. The Herald joins their many friends in the wish that they may have enough shadow in their lives to temper the glare of the sun."

UP-TO-DATE FARMING  
Some of Yazoo County Farmers Who Will Demonstrate on a Dollar and Cent Basis.

Mr. J. J. McGraw, of Deasonville, will set aside twelve acres of land and use it as a pasture for a bunch of hogs, and will keep strict account of what it will cost to keep the hogs and see if there will be greater returns in actual dollars and cents than from the same ground worked by a tenant with the expenses of feed for family and mule considered.

Mr. J. S. Rowe, the manager of Norway plantation, will soon put up enough hogs to make a carload. Will weigh them when first taken up. He will keep an account of how much feed it will take and make the calculation of the actual cost per pound by weighing them when ready to ship, which he expects to do about March.

Messrs. Warmack, of Home Park, will use the same experiment, and Mr. Ritch will try to get many more farmers to demonstrate in this way. This is certainly a step in the right direction, for the farmer has guessed long enough. When every department of farm life is put on a real business basis then the farmer can tell at the close of the year just what it pays to keep.

A \$50,000 stock of Clothing and Gents' Furnishings is being sacrificed at my Great Bankrupt Sale of the Wilson-Neely stock. Prices lower than ever before known in Yazoo City. The Wilson-Neely stock and the stock in my store also.

C. A. LIGHTCAP.

## GO NO FARTHER.

## The Evidence is At Your Door.

Yazoo City proof is what you want and the statement of this highly respected resident will banish all doubt:

Samuel Kolton, S. Main St., Yazoo City, says: "Last year I had an attack of La Grippe and after I recovered, I found that my kidneys were in bad shape. At first, it was just trouble from the kidney secretions; slight sediment. Soon I began to suffer from a dull ache across my left kidney. Sharp, shooting pains darted through my back and I could hardly breathe. I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at Taliaferro & Ijams' Drug Store. A few doses corrected the trouble with the kidney secretions and before I had finished one box, the pain in my back left. I haven't been bothered since."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Kolton had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Look at the Underwear for Men and Boys at the Great Bankrupt Sale of the Wilson-Neely stock. It is being sacrificed at less than wholesale cost.

## Trustee's Sale.

By virtue of the authority vested in me, as trustee, in that certain deed of trust given by John and America Moseley, for the benefit of Albert Banks, dated Dec. 27, 1911, and on record in Book C M, page 96, of the Records of Deeds of Yazoo County, Mississippi, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, and having been requested by the present holder thereof so to do, I, W. A. Henry, Jr., trustee, will, on

Friday, January 15, 1915

offer for sale and sell in front of the south door of the Court House of Yazoo County, in Yazoo City, Mississippi, within the hours prescribed by law, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, situated in Yazoo City, Yazoo County, Mississippi, to-wit:

North 1-2 of Lot 531, according to the map of J. W. Mercer.

Witness my hand this 24th day of December, 1914.

W. A. HENRY, JR., Trustee.  
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The place to buy them,

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## Is Sickness

## A Sin?

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Loosen the dammed-up bile. Keep it loose with the old time-true May Apple Root, (Podophyllin). Podophyllin with the gripo taken out is called

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